

**Traffic Committee
MINUTES
October 28, 2020**

Committee Members

Present:

Chair Susan Ruinen, Vice-Chair Clyde Smith, Rosemary Wilson, Julie Bartels, Mark Churchill, Lisa Gibson, Jennifer Morgan, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning Commission Liaison Frank Berry, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Councilmember Ron Williams, and Transportation Admin Laura Haney.

Attending:

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Chief Terrence Green, Lieutenant Rick Hazewinkel, Planning Building and Technology Director John Hanson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM in the Main Conference Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

January Minutes:

Chair Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the January 29, 2020, minutes. Vice Chair Clyde Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dan walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

N Lake Widening:

Director Randy Edwards advised that this project is under construction currently and there will be lane shifts as construction continues.

Vision Plan:

Administrator Poole stated the Pavilion at Icehouse should wrap up at the end of December weather permitting. Mr. Poole advised the Council retreat is scheduled to take place in November. Administrator Poole added the Town is hiring a consultant group to review the land and zoning ordinances to make sure they are updated and jive with the vision plans we have set forth.

Vice Chair Clyde Smith asked about the new Murphy's gas station and what was required of them to build as we have many gas stations being built in Town. Councilmember Ron Williams stated that several meetings were held with the Town's Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission for that location and were open for input from public. Administrator Poole added the Town does not get to decide what business goes where if they meet requirements. Planning Building and Technology Director John Hanson stated that Murphy's is making traffic changes and upgrading the look of that space overall so it will be an improved area of the Town in multiple aspects.

Circleview Dr:

Transportation Director Randy Edwards reported complaints have been received about double parking and boats crowding this cul-de-sac and the

residents want a “No Parking” sign placed in this location. Chair Ruinen stated that this would not be the only area with this issue in a subdivision and at a point you run into sign fatigue which then becomes ineffective. Vice Chair Smith asked if the parking is violating any law or is it in any type of road right of way. Mr. Edwards responded no that this is more of a private property matter.

Vice Chair Clyde Smith made a motion to deny the “No Parking” sign because it is not violating the road right of way. Rosemary Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Autistic Child Sign:

Transportation Director Edwards advised the Hawthorne subdivision HOA asked for a sign to be put up that’s says, “Autistic Children at Play” and this is a Town maintained road. Committee Member Jennifer Morgan stated this seems similar to the sign fatigue that was discussed with Circleview Drive and that these signs are often ineffective as many subdivisions have “Children at Play” signs that are ignored. Committee Member Rosemary Wilson added this is something a property owner can put in their private yard if they wish but for the Town to put it up in a road right of way does not seem necessary or efficient. Vice Chair Clyde Smith made a motion to deny the “Autistic Children at Play” sign because owners can put something like that in their private yard. Jennifer Morgan seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

US378/ Old Cherokee:

Administrator Poole advised this intersection is an identified LTIP project and there have not been any fatalities here recently but in the last decade several incidences of drivers running the red light have occurred. Mr. Poole also added that the Town is working on solutions but for example meetings with property owners like the bank have been delayed due to COVID. Director Randy Edwards added that this project will require business negotiations starting with Wells Fargo which can hopefully proceed soon.

Chair Susan Ruinen added that given current circumstances with COVID-19, the next traffic committee meeting will be held when an agenda item to review is presented and that all will be notified via email when it is scheduled.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Walker seconded by Rosemary Wilson. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:01AM.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Haney,

Approved By:

Susan Ruinen, Chair

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